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In re Application of	:	<b>OFFICE OF PETITIONS</b>
Varghese John et al	:	
Application No. 09/594,978	:	<b>ON PETITION</b>
Filed: June 15, 2000	:	
Attorney Docket No. 00270-US-NEW	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 15, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed May 2, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on August 3, 2003.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at (703) 305-9282.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1653.

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